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In re Application of
Inventor(s):
Joseph A. Manico, et al.

TITLE: METHOD OF
DISPENSING IMAGE
BEARING PRODUCTS

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In response to the final Office Action of April 5, 2006, Applicants provide the following remarks for reconsideration.

Entry and consideration of the remarks is proper because 1) no amendments to the claims have been made, 2) the remarks address issues raised by the Examiner in the final Office Action, 3) and the comments place the application in condition for allowance, or at least reduce issues for appeal.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 10-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Vallmajo et al. (US 6,791,723) in view of Meyer et al. (US 2002/0116278). For at least the following reasons, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Vallmajo et al. is directed to a means of determining the orientation of a scanned image, and correcting the bounding box for skew by rotating the bounding box. Vallmajo et al. discloses a kiosk having a scanner and a printer. It is disclosed that a user scans in a photo on the scanner, the software in the memory of the kiosk is